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Subject: Release of the updated Geographic Programs Operation – Geographic Delineations Detailed Operational Plan

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This memorandum documents the release of the updated 2020 Census Detailed Operational Plan for Geographic Programs Operation – Geographic Delineations component. The Geographic Delineations program determines, delineates, and updates the geographic area boundaries to serve two purposes during the 2020 Census: data collection and data tabulation. The Census Bureau divides the nation into these geographies to manage 2020 Census field operations and tabulation activities.

This document baselines the overall 2020 Census delineation process and provides specific details for the Geographic Delineations. It has been updated since the v1.0 release with the Additional Tabulation Geography Delineation as well as current Type of Enumeration Area (TEA) categories.

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